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1. Six fitters from the Veb Abus Kranbau in Eberswalde, East Germany, were employed in the Soviet Union from the beginning of June 1957 until the middle of July 1957 on the assembly of cranes built in the Veb Abus Kranbau. A Soviet engineer, Nikolay Bobrov, took charge of them during their stay in the USSR. The cranes were to be used in the construction of the new Volgo-Baltiyskiy waterway.<sup>1</sup>
2. Two portal, revolving cranes of 10-ton capacity each were assembled at Cherepovets N 59-08, E 38-50 at the eastern side of the town, north of the road from Shcherbakov N 58-03, E 38-50. One crane of 20-ton capacity was assembled at Pakhomovka N 53-55, E 40-15 at the eastern side of the town. Another crane of 20-ton capacity was assembled at Vytegra N 61-00, E 36-27 at the eastern side of the town. The fitters also carried out work at Shumkovo N 55-35, E 38-50, Novinka N 60-54, E 36-49, and Belousovo N 57-05, E 38-25, which are also on the Volgo-Baltiyskiy waterway.<sup>2</sup>
3. Excavation work was observed at Vologda N 59-20, E 39-40 and at Shcherbakov where the River Sheksna flows into the Rybinskoye Vodokhranilishche (Rybinsk Reservoir). At Pakhomovka and Vytegra work on the waterway construction was observed to be going at full swing.
4. The construction of the waterway is expected to take two years, and there will be nine locks on the new system. The present Mariinskiy waterway will continue to be used during the construction of the new one.
5. At the beginning of August 1957, three fitters from the Abus Kranbau at Eberswalde were due to go to Petrozavodsk N 61-49, E 34-20 to carry out crane assembly work for the White Sea canal.
6. At the beginning of June 1957, four fitters were doing assembly work at Komorany in the Usti Province of Czechoslovakia.

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1. [redacted] this waterway system [redacted]  
[redacted] is known more generally as the North-South  
waterway system from the Black Sea to the Baltic Sea.

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2. The name of the city of Pakhomovka was originally reported as Pachomovsk;  
Vytegra was originally reported as Vitegorsk; Shumkovo was originally  
reported as Shumkinsk; Novinka was reported as Novinkinsk; and Belousovo  
was reported as Belousovsk. It is believed that these are the cities  
referred to in the [redacted] report.

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